

the abdomen with a dark brown dorsal line and intersegmental dark brown suffusion.

My list of food-plants is enormous:— *Bidens pilosa*, *Cichorium*, *Coreopsis*, *Helianthus*, *Lactuca*, *Zinnia* (Compositae), *Brassica*, *Raphanus* (Cruciferae), *Ipomoea batatas* (Convolvulaceae), *Cupressus lusitanica* (Cupressaceae), *Pelargonium* (Geraniaceae), *Zea mays* (Gramineae), *Linum usitatissimum* (Linaceae), *Gossypium* (Malvaceae), *Entadraphragma angolense* (meliaceae), *Dalbergia*, *Medicago*, *Phaseolus*, *Pisum sativum*, *Trifolium*, *Vigna* (Papilionaceae), *Phyllopodium* (Scrophulariaceae), *Nicotiana tabacum*, *Solanum* (Solanaceae), *Daucus* (Umbelliferae).

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PARASCOTIA FULIGINARIA L. (WAVED BLACK) IN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE — whilst examining sugar patches by torchlight on 31.7.1985 near Brockenhurst, a single female of this species was netted. I understand that this is the first confirmed record of this species in the New Forest. R. A. MACKINTOSH, 19 Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey.

HALIPLUS APICALIS THOMS. (COL.) IN FRESH WATER IN THE LONDON SUBURBS. — I was pleased and not a little surprised when a solitary *Haliplus* dredged from pond-weed in the Princess of Wales Pond on Blackheath, 14.x.84, turned out to be a male of the above brackish-water species. It must, of course, have been a vagrant, far from its typical saline haunts, which in this instance might have been the marshes on either bank of the Thames considerably farther east; where, on 18.ix.48 in a ditch at Higham, I took a single male *apicalis* amongst other commoner Halipli of the same group (*ruficollis* Deg., *immaculatus* Gerh.). There is, almost certainly, no previous record for the immediate environs of London. — A. A. ALLEN.

CHRYSOLINA BANKSI F. (COL.) IN WEST KENT. — Although the localities given by Fowler (1890, *Col. Brit. Isl.*, 4:304) show this fine *Chrysolina* to have been not uncommon in the south-east in earlier times, it has for long been extremely local in that part of the country, while becoming progressively more frequent towards the west. In the former area I have met with it only in the well-known South Essex locality, Mucking Marsh near Stanford-le-Hope, under clumps of black horehound (*Ballota nigra* L.). It is of interest therefore to publish a relatively recent find in West Kent — Wilmington, near Dartford — where Mr. J. M. Chalmers-Hunt took it on the latter plant in 1976. Dartford is one of the localities mentioned by Fowler (*l.c.* & VCH list for Kent), and it was taken there by the late E.C. Bedwell in the 1910s or thereabouts. — A. A. ALLEN.